

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 3, 2011  
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 23, 2011

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 779**

---

**Introduced by Senator Lieu**

February 18, 2011

---

An act to add Section 51220.7 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 779, as amended, Lieu. Pupil instruction: economics: personal finances.

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including, among others, social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.

This bill would authorize a school district, in providing instruction in economics, to include instruction related to the understanding of personal finances, including, but not limited to, budgeting, savings, credit, and identity theft. The bill would require the State Department of Education to consider a personal finances curriculum in the next cycle in which the history and social science curriculum framework ~~and its accompanying instructional materials are~~ *is* adopted.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 51220.7 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:  
3     51220.7. (a) In providing instruction in economics, pursuant  
4     to subdivision (b) of Section 51220, a school district may include  
5     instruction related to the understanding of personal finances,  
6     including, but not limited to, budgeting, savings, credit, and identity  
7     theft.  
8     (b) The department shall consider developing a personal finances  
9     curriculum in the next cycle in which the history and social science  
10    curriculum framework ~~and its accompanying instructional materials~~  
11    are is adopted.